Cyril Scott.

A Gift of Silence
Composed for
Voice & Pianoforte.

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A Gift of Silence sweet!
   Who may not ever hear:
To lay down at your unobservant feet,
   Is all the gift I bear.

I have no songs to sing,
   That you should heed or know:
I have no lilies, in fall hands, to fling,
   Across the path you go.

I cast my flow'rs away,
   Blossoms unmeet for you!
The garland I have gathered in my day:
   My rosemary and rue.

I watch you pass and pass,
   Serene and cold; I lay,
My lips upon your trodden daisied grass,
   And turn my life away.

Yea! for I cast you, sweet
   This one gift you shall take,
Like ointment on your unobservant feet,
   My silence, for your sake.

Ernest Dowson.
For Heddie and Alan Gardiner.

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Op. 43, No. 1.

Andante sostenuto e semplice.

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